GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE AND MEDICINAL KNOWLEDGE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether competent authority of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion used to participate in meetings of World Intellectual Property Organisation;

(b) whether WIPO invited contributions to be submitted before 26 April, 2002, on traditional knowledge including medicinal knowledge, agricultural knowledge, scientific knowledge and technical knowledge along with details of national periodicals, journals or gazettes concerning traditional knowledge-related issues for immediate knowledge of patent examiners for defeating false claims;

(c) if so, the details submitted, including `Wealth of India` and Medicinal and aromatic plants abstract published by CSIR, if any;

(d) whether information from Wealth of India was used to protect use of turmeric for wound healing; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) WIPO has compiled inventory of traditional knowledge journal during March/April 2002.

(c) National Institute of Science communication and Information Resources have informed that they on their own initiative sent the information for its journal `Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge`. to WIPO on 23rd February, 2002.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resourceshave informed that CSIR submitted prior art references from more than 30 sources including that of Wealth of India while contesting on turmeric patent at USPTO.